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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hooper *et al.*

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Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12-14, without prejudice.